

# M.S.J.F.L. Club Bulletin



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This Club Bulletin has been produced as an information publication to assist the league to communicate with Clubs and their team officials. The Bulletin will be circulated at the Delegates Meeting and emailed to Club Presidents and Secretaries for distribution to their team officials.

### Umpires

Thank you to those Clubs that have been advertising and encouraging people to think about and become an umpire with the MSJFL. Umpire numbers have increased as a result, however the Umpiring Department is still looking for some additional field and boundary umpires. Consequently, Clubs and Team Managers are being asked to continue placing advertisements in their Club newsletters seeking interest.

If any person over the age of 12 would like to consider becoming an MSJFL trained and approved umpire please contact the MSJFL's Umpire Advisor, Adrian Fisher on 0433 919 262 or [umpires@msjfl.com.au](mailto:umpires@msjfl.com.au).

### Under 9 Officials on Ground

Under 9 teams please note that for the remainder of the season the nominated Official is not permitted to remain on the ground for coaching purposes following the Queen's Birthday weekend.

### Helmets

Players are permitted to wear helmets providing it is of a design and approved for football. Approved helmets are made of soft flexible padded material and do not have a hard exterior, inserts or catchers that can injure another player.

### Mercy Rule

Club and Team Officials between Under 9 to 13 are reminded that the MSJFL operate a mercy rule, whereby no team may officially defeat another team, in these age groups, by more than 60 points. Consequently, although team managers are required to place the correct score into Sporting Pulse, the league will amend the final total to ensure it complies with the mercy rule.

### Match Day Environment

Thank you to those Clubs that have completed and sent back their Match Day Environment Documentation distributed by the league via email on 29 April 2009 and discussed at the last delegates meeting. Unfortunately despite the document being required by 29 May 2009, several Clubs have not submitted their documentation. An extension has been granted until 10 June 2009 for those Clubs that have not submitted their completed documentation, however if the documentation is not received by this date the clubs may be fined.

The league notes that each week players are continuing to swear on field and officials and spectators are disputing the umpires calls despite the league having a zero tolerance. Consequently, Club Officials are being requested to increase their monitoring of behaviour to ensure abusive or derogatory comments about players and/or an umpire are not made.

## **Advocates Training**

The MSJFL will be providing training for club/player advocates who are unfortunately required to attend the Tribunal. The training is to be held at Mordialloc/Braeside Junior Football Club on Thursday 18 June at 7.30 pm, corner of Victoria & Davey Streets, Parkdale. It is imperative that **each club has at least 2-3 advocates** trained in Tribunal Advocacy. In future it will be necessary for an advocate to have undertaken this training in order to represent their player or club at the Tribunal.

Please note: A person who has attained a law degree is not eligible to be an advocate.

## **Inter-League Match Queens Birthday Weekend**

Whilst there are no home and away games played over the Queen's Birthday weekend, you can still get your football fix by coming along to support our players in the inter-league matches which are to be held at the following times and locations.

### **FIRST METRO GAME – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June**

#### **Moorabbin Saints J.F.L. Vs Northern F.L.**

Moorleigh Reserve, Bignell Road, Bentleigh East (Mel. Ref. 78B5)

- Under 14 Match to start at 10.00am
- Under 15 Match (Div 2) to start at 12.00pm
- Under 15 Match (Div 1) to start at 2.00pm

### **SECOND METRO GAME – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June**

#### **Yarra J.F.L. Vs Moorabbin Saints J.F.L.**

Bulleen Park, Bulleen (Mel. Ref. 32 B9)

- Under 14 Match to start at 10.00am
- Under 15 Match (Div 2) to start at 12.00pm
- Under 15 Match (Div 1) to start at 2.00pm

### **THIRD METRO GAME – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June (NIGHT GAME)**

#### **Moorabbin Saints J.F.L. Vs Western Region F.L.**

Moorleigh Reserve, Bignell Road, Bentleigh East (Mel. Ref. 78 B5)

- Under 14 Match to start at 6.15pm
- Under 15 Match (Div 2) to start at 8.00pm

#### **Western Region F.L. Vs Moorabbin Saints J.F.L. (NIGHT GAME) Div. 1 ONLY**

Soldiers Res. Werribee (Mel. Ref. 206 A9)

- Under 15 (Div 1) Match to start at 8.00pm